

# Notice of Allowability

Application No.

10/660,520

Examiner

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Applicant(s)

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to Amdt. filed 1/11/2006 & Telephone Interview 2/8/2006.

2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-7 and 9-16.

3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).

a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some\* c) ☐ None of the:

1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.

2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.

3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* Certified copies not received: \_\_\_\_\_.

Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application.

**THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE.**

4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.

5. ☒ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.

(a) ☒ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached

1) ☒ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.

(b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).

6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

## Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)

2. ☒ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)

3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),  
Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_

4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit  
of Biological Material

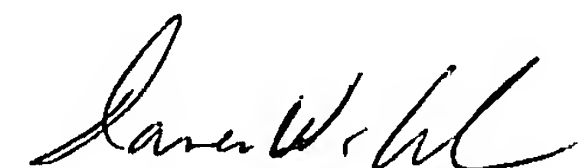
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)

6. ☒ Interview Summary (PTO-413),  
Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.

7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment

8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance

9. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_.



**DARREN W. ARK**  
**PRIMARY EXAMINER**

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### EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Sebastien Clarke on Wednesday, February 8, 2006.

The application has been amended as follows:

Claim 1. A fishing rod comprising:

a fishing rod shaft having a primary reel seat and at least one guiding eyelet extending from the fishing rod shaft for guiding a fishing line along the fishing rod shaft;

a hollow cylinder having an outer surface, a longitudinal cavity defined therein, and a cylinder mounting foot protruding outwardly from the outer surface, the cylinder mounting foot being juxtaposed to and releasably engaged with the primary reel seat for mounting the hollow cylinder to the fishing rod shaft; and

an auxiliary reel seat having a reel mounted thereto through a reel mounting foot, at least a portion of the auxiliary reel seat being releasably and slidably inserted into the cavity of the hollow cylinder with the reel extending outwardly therefrom, the at least one guiding eyelet guiding a fishing line from the reel along the fishing rod shaft by receiving the fishing line therethrough.

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Claim 4. A fishing rod according to claim 2, comprising a resilient means disposed inside said hollow cylinder at a closed end thereof, said resilient means being compressed when the at least a ~~one~~ portion of the auxiliary reel seat is inserted inside said hollow cylinder.

Claim 13. A fishing rod comprising:

a fishing rod shaft with a primary reel seat and at least one guiding eyelet extending from the fishing rod shaft;

a hollow cylinder having a cylindrical wall defining a longitudinal cavity, an outer surface and an insertion opening, the hollow cylinder having a cylinder mounting foot extending outwardly from the outer surface of the cylindrical wall, the cylinder mounting foot being releasably engaged with the primary reel seat for mounting the hollow cylinder to the fishing rod shaft; and

an auxiliary reel seat releasably and slidably inserted into the longitudinal cavity of the hollow cylinder, the auxiliary reel seat having a reel mounted thereon, the reel extending outwardly through the insertion opening, the at least one guiding eyelet guiding a fishing line from the reel along the fishing rod shaft by receiving the fishing line therethrough.

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Claim 16. A fishing rod comprising:

a fishing rod shaft with a ~~rod shaft~~ reel seat mounted to the fishing rod shaft;

a hollow cylinder having a cylindrical wall defining an outer surface, a longitudinal cavity ~~defined therein~~ and an insertion opening therein, a cylinder mounting foot protruding outwardly from the outer surface, ~~a cylindrical wall with an insertion opening therein~~, and a coil spring disposed inside said hollow cylinder at a closed end thereof, the cylinder mounting foot being releasably engaged with the ~~rod shaft~~ reel seat for mounting the hollow cylinder to the fishing rod shaft; and

a reel and reel seat assembly having a reel mounted to an auxiliary reel seat through a reel seat mounting foot, at least a portion of the auxiliary reel seat being releasably and slidably inserted into the cavity of the hollow cylinder with the reel extending outwardly therefrom through the insertion opening, said coil spring being compressed when the at least a one portion of ~~and~~ the auxiliary reel seat is inserted inside said hollow cylinder.

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2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

In regard to claim 1, the prior art of record does not disclose the fishing rod comprising a fishing rod shaft having at least one guiding eyelet extending from the fishing rod shaft and for guiding a fishing line along the fishing rod shaft, the at least one guiding eyelet guiding a fishing line from the reel along the fishing rod shaft by receiving the fishing line therethrough.

In regard to claim 13, the prior art of record does not disclose a fishing rod comprising at least one guiding eyelet extending from the fishing rod shaft, the at least one guiding eyelet guiding a fishing line from the reel along the fishing rod shaft by receiving the fishing line therethrough.

In regard to claim 16, the prior art of record does not disclose a fishing rod comprising a coil spring disposed inside the hollow cylinder at a closed end thereof, the coil spring being compressed when the at least a portion of the auxiliary reel seat is inserted inside said hollow cylinder.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Darren W. Ark whose telephone number is (571) 272-6885. The examiner can normally be reached on M-Th, 8:00am-6:30pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Peter M. Poon can be reached on (571) 272-6891. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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